GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:672
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005
EXCAVATION BY ASI
Oram Shri Jual

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has undertaken excavations during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of new discoveries of historic significance made during the excavations by the different circles?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.672 FOR 12.5.2005 RAISED BY SHRI JUAL ORAM, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING EXCAVATION BY ASI.

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken excavations during the last three years. The state-wise excavations and discoveries of historic significance made during the last three years by various Circles and Branches are placed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

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EXCAVATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA DURING LAST THREE YEARS (2002-03, 2003-2004 AND 2004-05) SHOWING NEW DISCOVERIES

Sl. No.	Name of site	District	Year(s) of Excavation made	Nature of discoveries
	ANDHRA PRADESH			
1.	Kapavaram Mandal	Korukonda East Godavari	2002-2003	Remains of a stupa, large number of votive stupas, monastic cells, an apsidal chaitya of the early centuries of the Christian era. Two rouletted bowls bear Brahmi inscriptions.
2.	Swayambhu Temple complex Warrangal	, Warangal Fort	2002-2003 2003-2004	Plan of the Swayambhu Temple, remains of stone prakara wall, pillared wall. The associated finds include a large number of architectural members, inscribed Chinese porcelain.
	ASSAM			
3.	Maidam No.2	Sivasagar	2002-2003	Remains of burials of the Ahom Kings datable to 18th century A.D. were found as a Massive brick vault with a domical roof under a hemispherical structure.
4.	Talatalghar (Karenghar complex)	Sivasagar	2002-2003	Remains of brick structures datable to 18th century A.D.
	BIHAR			
5.	Kesariya	East Champaran	2002-2003 2003-2004	Remains of a brick built terraced circular stupa, and Buddha images in various postures in the niches.
6.	Sujatagarh, Bakraur	Gaya	2002-2003 2003-2004	Remains of a brick built circular stupa.
	DELHI			
7.	Tughluqabad Fort	South NCT, Delhi,	2002-2003 2003-2004	

Remains of habitational remains datable to the Tughlug period.

GOA

8. Chandor Goa 2002-2003 Plan of a brick temple
2003-2004 with an enclosure wall.
Squarish platforms and
solid plinth datable to
11th century A.D.

9. St. Augustine Complex North Goa 2003-2004 Remains of a chapter
chapel with tombstones
and burial chambers of
the friars (brothers) of
Augustinian order.

GUJARAT

10. Dholavira Kachchh 2002-2003 Evidences of Harappan
2003-2004 civilization, (circa 3rd
2004-2005 - 2nd millennium B.C.).
water management and stor
age system reflected by
reservoirs, both rock cut
and of stone masonry.
Excavations in burial
ground, have revealed
pottery, beads of semi
precious stone and gold
as burial goods without
skeletal remains.

11. Hathab Bhavnagar 2002-2003 Remains of an early
historic mud fortified
city. Seals, sealings,
coins, etc. Roman
amphorae indicating
maritime activities.

12. Juni Kuran Kutchchh 2003-2004 Habitational remains of
2004-2005a Harappan settlement.
Two divisions of
fortification, typical
Harappan period pottery
and antiquities.

HARYANA

13.Adi Badri Yamunagar 2002-2003 Remains of stupa,
2003-2004 monastic complexes,
stone structures datable
from late Kushana period .
to medieval times

14.Bhirrana Fatehabad 2003-2004 Habitational remains of
2004-2005 early and mature Harappan
periods. Harappan seals,
copper antiquities, beads,
bangles, etc.

15.Hansi Hissar 2003-2004 Habitational remains
2004-2005 starting from the Kushana
period to the British
occupation. Two coin
hoards of Rajput period,
were also found.

16.Harsh-ka-Tila, Kurukshetra 2002-2003 Cultural remains from the
Thaneswar 2003-2004 Kushana to late Mughal
period and massive house
complexes.

17.Sandhuali Kurukshetra 2002-2003 A portion of a brick
built tank in the form
of four steps belonging
to the late Gupta period.

JAMMU & KASHMIR

18.Ancient site Udhampur 2003-2004 Structural remains of Gupta
Babour (Thalora) Manwal and post-Gupta periods.
The structural remains
of a post-Gupta period
temple also found.

19.Sudh Mahadev Udhampur 2002-2003 Structural remains
datable to the Gupta
period.

JHARKHAND

20.
Saridkel, Khunti
Ranchi
2003-2004
Habitational remains datable to the early centuries of the Christian era.

KARNATAKA

21.
Fort at Chitradurga
Chitradurga
2002-2003

2003-2004
Structural remains copper coins, iron objects, terracotta objects, etc., all datable to 16th - 17th centuries A.D.

22.
Hampi
Bellary
2002-2003
2003-2004
The cobbled pathway of Vitthala bazaar; an ornate basement of a pillared mandapa in the Vitthala temple complex; a criss-crossed tank all datable to 14th - 15th centuries A.D.

23.
Pattadakkal
Bagalkot
2003-2004
2004-2005
Remains of a temple datable to Chalukyan times; habitational remains of Maharathis and Satavahanas of the early centuries of the Christian era.

KERALA

24.
Kodakkalluparambu, Cheramangad
Thrissur
2002-2003
Remains of two megalithic urns covered by dressed semi hemispherical laterite hood-stone.

MADHYA PRADESH

25.
Chichali
Khargaon
2002-03
Habitational remains of Ahar, Malwa, Jorwe Wares and early Historic periods.

26.
Sanchi
Raisen
2002-2003
Structural remains datable to post-Gupta period; copper coins, beads, stone fragments with inscriptions.

27.
Bija Mandal, Khajuraho
Chhatarpur
2002-2003
Remains of a temple datable to 10th - 11th century A.D.
28.
Bhimbetka
Raisen
2002-2003
2003-2004
2004-2005
Remains of the lower palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods. Artifacts like microlithic blades, flakes, core, and raw materials.

29.
Khulharia
Raisen
2002-2003
Structural remains, sculptural fragments, copper coins, beads, terracotta glass objects, glass etc., datable to medieval period.

30.
Udayagiri
Vidisha
2002-2003
Remains of stone structures near the Varaha sculptural panel. Antiquities like stone sculptures, terracotta beads, etc.

MAHARASHTRA

31.
Daulatabad Fort
Aurangabad
2003-2004
2004-05
House complexes, stone paved & lime floor, drains of medieval period, gold coins of Vijayanagara dynasty, copper coins of Khiljis, Mughals and Nizams of Ahmednagar; stone and marble sculptural panels.

32.
Ellora
Aurangabad
2002-2003
Evidence of cave excavation, various methodologies adopted in removing the rock mass and its disposal, habitation remains, etc. datable to the 8th - 11th centuries A.D.

ORISSA

33.
Barabati Fort
Cuttack
2003-2004
Remains of medieval habitation datable to c.13th to 18th century AD.

34.
Ancient site Haripurgarh
Mayurbhanj
2002-2003
Brick structures of 16th Century AD

35.

Buddhist site, Ratnagiri
Jajpur
2003-2004
Brick stupas built on square platform, different types of votive stupas and sculptural remains.

36.
Udayagiri-2
Jajpur
2003-04
Buddhist monastic complex and stupas datable to c.13th to 18th century A.D.

RAJASTHAN

37.
Baror
Rajasthan
2003-04
2004-05
Structural remains of early and mature Harappan periods. Fortification wall made of mud bricks, early and mature Harappan antiquities.

38.
Chak 86 & Tarkhanewala Dera
Rajasthan
2003-2004
Painted Grey Ware and Harappan settlement remains.

TAMIL NADU

39.
Adichhanallur
Tuticorin
2002-2003
2003-2004
2004-2005
Remains of urn burials and habitation along with Iron objects like dagger, knife, spearhead, sword, and graffiti marks on pottery.

40.
Gingee
Villupuram
2002-2003
Remains of habitational structures, celadon and glazed ware datable to late medieval period.

41.
Sadras
Tuticorin
2002-2003
Remains of habitational structures, celadon, porcelain and glazed wares and antiquities datable to Dutch period.

42.
Mahabalipuram
Kanchipuram
2004-2005
Two structural temples to the south of Shore Temple datable to Pallava period.

TRIPURA

43.
Mound at Boxanagar
West Tripura
2002-2003
2003-2004
Remains of a brick stupa, chaityagriha and monastic complex datable to c. 6th - 8th centuries A.D.

UTTARANCHAL

44.
Govisana, Kashipur
Udham Singh Nagar
2002-2003
Habitation remains starting from the Kushana period to the medieval times, gateways, coins, etc., and a brick temple datable to 6th - 7th c. A.D.

UTTAR PRADESH

45.
Achichhatra
Bareilly
2003-2004
One of the entrances to the ancient city was exposed along with residential complexes.

46.
Fatehpur Sikri
Agra
2004-2005
A hammam complex was brought to light.

47.
Gaushala, Taj Mahal
Agra
2002-2003
Remains associated with the Taj Mahal.

48.
Kalinjer Fort
Banda

2003-2004
Remains of a staircase of a lower level below the present Neelkanth temple complex, rock cut sculptures of medieval period.

49.
Residency, Lucknow
Lucknow
2002-2003
2003-2004
Complete house complexes along with sewer systems, well, etc., of the British period.

50.
Musabagh
Lucknow
2002-2003
2003-2004
Partial remains of a palace complex built by Saadat Ali Khan in 1800 A.D.

51.
Sravasti
Sravasti
2002-2003
Remains of panchayatana temples, citadel wall, residential complexes.

WEST BENGAL

52.
Mound near Clive's House at Dum Dum
24 North Parganas
2002-2003
Remains of habitation starting from early centuries of Christian era to 15th - 16th century A.D antiquities like coins, seals & sealings, terracotta, etc.

53.
Mound adjacent to Baisgazi wall known as Palace area of ancient Gaur
Maldah

2002-2003
2003-2004
2004-2005
Remains and structures belonging to Sultanate period (15th century A.D.) to the Mughal period (17th century A.D.)

LAKSHADWEEP (U.T.)

54.
Off Bangaram Island,
Lakshadweep
2002-2003
2003-2004
Shipwreck of Princes' Royal datable to 1792 A.D.